

## House Resolution No. 4427

**Whereas**, the members of the House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize young men who have excelled during their association with the Boy Scouts of America program with its emphasis on physical, mental, and spiritual growth; self-reliance; personal values; service to others; and an appreciation and understanding of the wonderful natural world; and

**Whereas**, Derek E. Williams of Troop 397 has successfully completed all of the stringent requirements for Scouting's highest advancement award, the rank of Eagle Scout, which will be bestowed upon him during an Eagle Court of Honor at the Community Covenant Church in Kearney on November 21, 2004; and

**Whereas**, attainment of the Eagle Scout rank is dependent upon the sequential completion of each of the Boy Scout steps of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life, and expected troop service, a requirement admirably fulfilled by Derek through the billets of Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and Chaplain Aide; and

**Whereas**, diligent labors by Derek earned him Bartle Heritage recognition, the Firem'n Chit and Totin' Chip, Snorkeling BSA qualification, a World Conservation Award and National Honor Patrol Award, induction into the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood, the name of Little Howling Wolf of Full Moon in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and thirty merit badges which are arrayed on his uniform sash as a visual illustration of the diverse skills and knowledge which he has acquired as a Boy Scout; and

**Whereas**, in keeping with Scouting practice, Derek applied the knowledge which he learned at troop meetings in many camping, hiking, and service activities, including summer sessions at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation and Brownsea Junior Leadership Training; and

**Whereas**, Derek completed an Eagle Project which consisted of building a bridge at Lion's Park in Kearney to allow handicap access to more areas of the park, to serve as a capstone to his Scouting career, and to stand as a constant reminder of his dedication to serving others, an admirable trait which justifies the esteemed role which Scouting plays in today's society:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the outstanding achievements realized by Derek Williams during his three-year-long sojourn with Scouting and to congratulate him for having the drive and energy necessary to attain the rank of Eagle; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for new Eagle Scout Derek E. Williams, son of Ed and Tammy Williams of Kearney, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Doug Ervin  
District No. 35

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4427, adopted November 3, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker